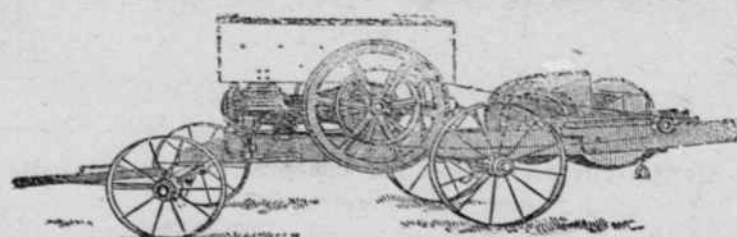


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I never was one of the careful kind.
For saving and hoarding away:
If it were not so I'd never been
As poor as I am today.

I had none of the care of the thrifty and keen.
When the wages of toil I could claim;
But ever to me the best of it all
Was the pleasure of spending the same.

But there's just one thing I would like to keep
As carefully hoarded away
As the gold of the miser—and that one thing
Is my suit of Confederate Gray.

It was made in a Southern loom, of wool
From sheep that were Southern bred:
It was fashioned and sewed by the dear-
est hands
That ever used needle and thread.

It was handsome and bright when I put it on.
And proud as a prince was I
Of my wife, my suit and the cause in which
I was pledged to conquer or die.

I dreamed not of failure, thought not of defeat,
As I turned to the conflict away:
Away from wife, mother and children and home
In my suit of Confederate Gray.

I marched and paraded, I rested and drilled,
I ate and I slept; night and day;
I skinned and fought, and advanced and fell back
In my suit of Confederate Gray.

It was slashed and riddled by saber and ball;
It was soiled with the dust of the road;
It was mottled all over with ghastly stains
Of my own and another's blood.

But it's fairer than silk and satin to me;
It is dearer than gold this day;
The treasure and pride of my heart and my life
Is my suit of Confederate Gray.

For, after one battle, came General Lee.
And reined in his steed where I lay
In a puddle of blood, between comrades slain
In my suit of Confederate Gray.

"I'm sorry, my friend. Would God I had been
In your stead on this terrible day!"
Were his words, and a tear from his eye
fell down
On my suit of Confederate Gray.

The fields of our battles are covered with grain,
Where we fought is now smiling and gay;
But nothing can brighten or freshen again
My suit of Confederate Gray.

It can nevermore be as I saw it first,
As the hand of its fashioner, fair;
Like the Southern heart, the rents and the scars,
And the gasches and stains are still there.

Oh, it carries me back! I'm a soldier once more,
Light-hearted and daring and gay;
I'm a Southern rebel whenever I look
At my suit of Confederate Gray!

Put it on, when my form all breathless and cold,
In the dust of the grave ye shall lay;
For I want to rest till the Great Cap-
tain calls
In my suit of Confederate Gray.

—F. H. MARR, in Baltimore Sun.

FISH AND OYSTER NOTES

The alligator, like the larger pachyderms and mammals, is fast becoming extinct. The chief cause for this is that the young ones are caught and stuffed by taxidermists and used for playthings by the children of large cities.

ders 14 inches and 28 inches in diameter and 24 inches stroke of piston. A Scotch return tubular boiler 11 feet in diameter and 12 feet long, tested to 150 pounds working pressure, furnishes steam. It is expected to have the steamer ready this week to start fishing. The annual fitting out and overhauling of the fleet of menhaden fishing steamers has been about completed, and there are but few of the boats which have not taken their departure for the fishing grounds as yet. The cold and late spring made the season of catching very late this year.

The oyster business in Virginia is about ended for this season, as the demand for oysters stops in most places when we miss the letter "R" months, and while some few persons think oysters good to eat in months that have no "R" in their spelling, May, June, July and August, the public in general knows better and also knows the main reason is that fish, clams and lobsters are cheaper than oysters during that time, so eat them until fall commences and they want a change again in their diet of seafood. The past season has been a successful one with most people engaged in the oyster business in this State, for which many causes have been to blame, the main one being the great scarcity of stock on about all oyster beds in Virginia, but more so in James River than any other place, as we have had hardly any set of young oysters in that river for over three years now, and to make the packing business a success in Norfolk the dealers must get plenty of stock from James River. Almost everybody connected with the oyster business here has some personal view in regard to what is best to bring it to a more profitable standpoint than it is at present, but by what we can hear the majority seem to think that as long as our natural beds are well protected during the summer months, toward which our present State Board of Fisheries is doing all they possibly can and that all worn out and unproductive oyster bottoms should be leased out to planters so they can reseed them and thereby create a bigger supply of stock, which would give the State a revenue for oyster bottoms that now yield them nothing, then in time to come we would have more oysters and do the oyster business that was done in this State some years ago.—Norfolk letter in N. Y. Fishing Gazette.

Will you kindly answer in your Query Column of next Sunday's paper whether or not there is a law in Virginia prohibiting non-residents of the State from owning oyster land in the State of Virginia, and whether or not this law applies to shares in a company incorporated under the laws of the State?

J. M. L.
The Constitution provides that the natural oyster beds, rocks and shoals in the waters of Virginia shall not be leased, rented or sold, but shall be held in trust for the benefit of the people of the State. The Code provides that if any person, other than a resident of Virginia, shall take or catch crabs, oysters or other shell fish in any of the waters of this State, or rent any oyster-planting ground or plant oysters in any of the waters of the State, he shall be deemed guilty of a felony. The law applies also to non-resident stockholders.—Times-Dispatch.

It's too bad to see people who go from day to day suffering from physical weakness when Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea would make them well. The greatest tonic known. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. R. M. Sanders, White Stone; Ellis C. Richardson, Kilmarnock.

HOW BATTLESHIPS DECLINE.

The recent sale of a number of once powerful but now obsolete British war vessels at an extremely low figure calls attention anew to the rapid depreciation of this species of property. Among the vessels sold was the Sans Pareil, a first-class battleship, built only twenty years ago at a cost of \$3,600,000. This expensive piece of property brought only \$133,000. The third-class battleship Conqueror, costing \$2,100,000, brought \$85,000. The first-class armored cruiser, Undaunted, which cost \$1,200,000, brought \$72,000. Three other vessels were disposed of at bargain prices.

The stipulation that the vessels should be broken up in England prevented their purchase by foreign powers for war purposes, so that these once formidable fighting machines were sold for the material used in their construction. In these days of progressive improvement in fighting craft there is no telling how soon the most costly vessels will become useless.

THE JUNE SMART SET

J. H. Twells, Jr., is the author of the novel which opens the June number of The Smart Set. The story is entitled "One man's Hour" and is a purely romantic tale, full of action and adventure. A young English publisher falls in love with a beautiful American girl and follows her to Paris, where the real story begins. The remarkable incidents which follow should cause the most jaded reader to become enthusiastic. Other contributors to this number are: John G. Neihardt, J. Lee Matherson, Mrs. Henry Dudeney, Gelett Burgess, W. J. Henderson, Catherine Carr, Arthur Stanley Wheller, Katherine Metcalf Roof, etc.

Arthur Symonds, the distinguished English essayist, critic and poet, is the author of "A London Contrast," one of the most delightful papers which The Smart Set has ever printed. The poetry is of that excellence which readers have come to expect in this magazine, and is from such favorite verse-writers as Archibald Sullivan, Theodosia Garrison, Edward Wilbur Mason, Richard Duffy, Martha Gilbert D. Bianchi, John Vance Cheney and Beatrice St. George.

ROMANCE OF A HAT.

The following poem, verbatim, was found accompanying a lady's very stylish hat in one of many empty fish barrels shipped from Boston, Mass., to W. E. Northern, at Ballows & Squires' factory, Ocean, Lancaster county.

SHE WON'T COME BACK.
A year ago last summer,
As I roamed into town,
I met a charming maiden,
Her name was Susie Brown.

I got an introduction
And invited her to ride,
And I thought I had a fortune
As she sat by my side.

Her cheeks were read as roses,
She had a dimple in her chin,
She could trip the light fantastic
And cut the Pigeon Wing.

Her dress was very stylish,
She wore this pretty hat,
And when she promised to be mine
My heart went pitty pat.

She wanted a swell wedding
And handed me a wedding dress,
Which she thought would cost a thousand
Or perhaps a little less.

I ordered the automobile
To drive her into town,
And gave her the thousand dollars
To go and buy the gown.

She said I was a jewel
And handed me this hat,
She said, "darling," I will soon return,
And patted me on the back.

But she has not returned or written,
And I am beginning to feel blue,
And now to drowned my troubles
I send this hat to you.

And now my southern sisters,
If you desire to try it,
Just put it on and go to town
And perhaps some fool will buy it.

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this Hat inquire of Geo. E. Cook, Reeds
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SOME NOTES

**Of Interest to Truckers, Farmers
and Stock Raisers.**
The crop of caterpillars is large this year and many are applying the torch to rid themselves of them. Instead of burning them out and thus injuring the trees, on the authority of a prominent citizen of the county, the better way to kill them is to put a few drops of kerosene in their nests early in the morning.—Peninsula Enterprise.

The Journal of the board of Agriculture, published in London, recently gave a remedy for treating grapes by the fumes of corbolic acid, which is reported to be a success. The chicks to be treated are placed in a basket over a pail containing corbolic acid in which a hot brick is placed for the purpose of volatilizing the acid. It would not be unwise to begin with mild solutions of the acid, increasing its strength in successive experiments.

TO KEEP THE HORSE HEALTHY.
An unhealthy condition of a horse is frequently due to sharp edges on the grinding teeth, which prevents mastication of the food. Have these filed off. Imperfect chewing may be partly a habit, and the horse must be specially cared for to overcome it. Nail a four inch strip at the top of the manger so that he can not throw out his hay, and sprinkle the grain through it so that he will be compelled to eat the grain slowly. Feed whole grain separately from ground feed. Sometimes no other treatment than the foregoing is needed to restore a horse to good condition. The addition of a pint of oilmeal to the ration is a help.—Farm Journal.

SALT FOR DAIRY COWS.
Extensive tests and investigations have been made by the experiment stations to determine the advisability of adding salt to the ration of dairy cows. As a result of these trials, it is recommended that dairy cows be given at least one ounce of salt per day. Exceptionally heavy milkers will require more than this. The uniform results obtained with all cows employed in these trials indicate that salt in addition to that obtained in their food is absolutely essential to the continued health of a dairy cow while producing milk. It is evident, moreover, that the amount of salt which must be supplied directly will greatly vary in different localities, it being more at high elevations and at places remote from the sea.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

The "dry" ticket won by 17 majority in the election at Shenandoah, Page county, Friday of last week.

Emma Blackburn, a white woman about thirty-five years old, was found dead in a chair in her room in Richmond Monday morning. She was last seen alive at six o'clock the evening before, at that time being under the influence of whiskey.

A concerted move is being made by the ladies in Washington against the use of wine at dinners, and the punch bowl at receptions, and the leaders have

every confidence in their ultimate success. Mrs. J. B. Henderson, whose aversion to punch and wine is well known, goes further and eliminates meat from her menu. She is working hard to make the use of intoxicants unfashionable, and is really at the head of the movement.

"The Anti-Saloon League is not a mob of long-haired fanatics, as some of the writers and speakers connected with our business have declared, but is a strongly centralized organization, financed by men of unusual ability, subscribed to by hundreds of thousands of men, women and children, who are solicited by their various churches, advised by well-paid attorneys of great ability, and it is working with definite ideas to guide it in every state, county city, and precinct."—Bonford's Wine and Spirit Circular.

For rigid political morality suggestive of old time New England, one must go South. One after another the New England states have tried prohibition in the shape of state-wide laws, and finding the experiment a failure, all have given it up, save Maine, where it still stands, but with great and growing disfavor. Meanwhile prohibition in the shape of local option is rapidly covering the South, and Governors of states and many other influential citizens, in and out of office, are teetotalers. There is a more general prevalence of extreme temperance sentiment, of total abstinence in the South today than anywhere else in the country. In the East, North and West, as in the South there is much less of drunkenness than there was only a few years ago; but outside of the South there has been a great decrease of opposition to well-regulated drinking saloons.—Washington Post.

Of all the fruits there are in the land,
That grow on bush or tree,
I would give up the choicest ones
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EXPOSITION NOTES.

Old Liberty Bell will be removed from Philadelphia to the Exposition grounds July 15th.

Tomorrow (Saturday) noon will see the grand opening parade on Norfolk's streets, free, of the wild west and wild animal arenas.

The "Methodist," the canoe owned by Joshua Thomas, the famous "Parson of the Islands," now over one hundred years old, will be on exhibition at the Jamestown Exposition, together with pictures showing scenes in his life.

Officers of Admiral Evans' fleet are mildly excited over the fact that had Hayti been represented in the international fleet it would have been by a flag-ship in command of a vice-admiral, who is as stout and fat and as black as a black cat. And, as a vice-admiral, he would have received precedence over all others.

Mail, whether ordinary or registered, intended for delivery at the Jamestown Exposition should be addressed to Exposition Station, Norfolk, Va., and not to Jamestown, there being a postoffice of the latter title distant from Norfolk and the Exposition grounds. Care should be exercised in this matter to avoid annoying delays.

After taking the first of the series of races, the Americans have been clean cut out. The second important day was won by the Austrians, British second and Americans third. The great day, Monday, three of the four races were won by the Italian seamen, with the Americans way down the list. The fourth race was given the American rowers because their boat was accidentally fouled by the Italians.

Gov. Swanson and his wife, the official host and hostess for Virginia at the Jamestown Exposition, are anticipating a trying summer. The Governor will spend probably half his time at the Exposition, meeting and greeting the various organizations who will make the Exposition an excuse for holding their annual gatherings in this State. He will alternate between Norfolk and Richmond throughout the summer, meeting his official engagements on the fly. Mrs. Swanson will extend the courtesies of the State to the many delegations of women, who will visit the Exposition, and officiate at receptions and other formal entertainments.

An invitation has been extended the Virginia Press Association to visit the famous "101 Ranch" during the coming convention of the editors June 10-12. The "101 Ranch," with its Wild West annex and its complement of over 500 cowboys, cowgirls, Indians and Mexicans, is now being moved from Bliss, Okla., to the Exposition grounds. A spectacular Wild West performance will be given the editors in an amphitheatre, which has a seating capacity of 18,000 and they will also be entertained with a barbecue, prepared in genuine Western style by the cowboys and ranchmen. The barbecue will follow a tour of the Ranch and the performance in the am-

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